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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q64938

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/394,706 filed September 13, 1999 of Tsuyoshi KITAHARA entitled PIEZOELECTRIC VIBRATOR UNIT, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, AND INK JET RECORDING HEAD INCORPORATING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, seven (7) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/394,706 filed September 13, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from September 17, 1998 based on JP Application No. 10-263199. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/394,706.

Cancel claims: 1-13 and 20

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>6 - 20</u>	= _____ x \$18.00 =	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2 - 3</u>	= _____ x \$80.00 =	<u>\$0.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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